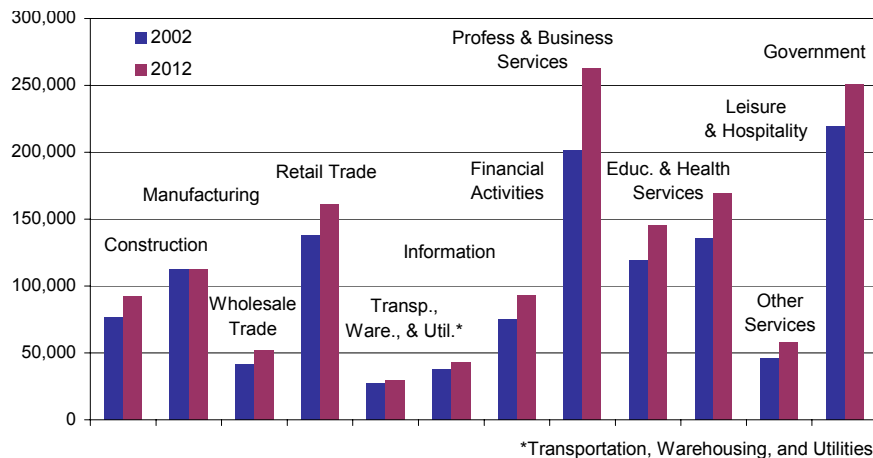


## San Diego County Projection Highlights

### Industries

Nonfarm wage and salary employment in San Diego County is expected to grow nearly 2 percent annually between 2002 and 2012. The growth rate projected for San Diego is slightly higher than the growth in California as a whole, which is expected to grow at about 1.8 percent annually. This growth will add 240,500 new jobs and bring San Diego's employment to over 1.4 million by 2012. Over half of all new nonfarm wage and salary jobs are forecasted to occur in Professional and Business Services (25%), Leisure and Hospitality (14%) and Government (13%).

Below is a graph of the estimated 2002 and projected 2012 employment for major industries in San Diego.



Professional and Business Services is also the fastest growing major industry sector, growing at an annual rate of slightly over 3 percent. Other industries growing much faster than the overall county average of 2 percent are: Other Services (2.7%), Wholesale Trade (2.6%), Leisure and Hospitality (2.5%) and Financial Activities (2.4%).

### Occupations

Occupational projections for the period 2002 to 2012 forecast:

- Over 240,000 new jobs from industry growth,
- Nearly 300,000 job openings from Net Replacements,
- A combined total of almost 540,000 job openings.

The 50 occupations with the most job openings will generate almost 52 percent of all job openings in San Diego County during the 2002-2012 period. These occupations are expected to generate over 279,000 total job openings. Many of these occupations are typically lower paying, entry level occupations, such as Retail Salespersons, Cashiers and Waiters and Waitresses. However, higher-skilled and higher paying occupations, such as Registered Nurse, Managers, Carpenters, Accountants, and Computer software Engineers, are also forecasted to have a substantial number of job openings over the ten-year period. All occupations among the top 50 are forecasted to have a minimum of 2,000 job openings annually.

The 50 fastest growing occupations are all expected to grow at an annual rate of 3.1 percent or more. Occupations in Hi-Tech, Education, Health and Scientific fields are scattered throughout the top fifty fastest growing occupations. Most of these occupations require education beyond high school and many pay over \$30 per hour.

